

## ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, the House, at 4:15 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

## APPENDIX.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT.

The following committee has filed favorable report on bill, as follows:  
Revenue and Taxation: House bill No. 15.

## THIRD DAY.

(Friday, September 11, 1931.)

The House met at 9 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Minor.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Mr. Speaker.	Fisher.
Adams of Harris.	Forbes.
Adams of Jasper.	Ford.
Adamson.	Fuchs.
Adkins.	Gilbert.
Akin.	Giles.
Alsup.	Goodman.
Anderson.	Graves.
Baker.	Greathouse.
Barron.	Grogan.
Bounds.	Hanson.
Brice.	Hardy.
Brooks.	Harman.
Bryant.	Harrison.
Burns of Walker.	of Waller.
Burns	Hatchitt.
of McCulloch.	Hefley.
Carpenter.	Herzik.
Caven.	Hill.
Claunch.	Hines.
Coltrin.	Holder.
Coombes.	Holland.
Cox of Lamar.	Holloway.
Cox of Limestone.	Hoskins.
Cunningham.	Howsley.
Dale.	Hubbard.
Daniel.	Hughes.
Davis.	Jackson.
DeWolfe.	Johnson.
Dodd.	of Dallam.
Donnell.	Johnson
Dowell.	of Dimmit.
Dunlap.	Johnson of Morris.
Dwyer.	Jones of Shelby.
Elliott.	Jones of Atascosa.
Engelhard.	Justiss.
Farmer.	Kennedy.

Laird.	Scott.
Lee.	Shelton.
Lemens.	Sherrill.
Leonard.	Smith of Bastrop.
Lilley.	Smith of Wood.
Lockhart.	Sparkman.
Long.	Stephens.
McCombs.	Stevenson.
McGill.	Strong.
McGregor.	Sullivan.
Magee.	Tarwater.
Metcalfe.	Terrell
Moffett.	of Cherokee.
Moore.	Terrell
Munson.	of Val Verde.
Murphy.	Towery.
Nicholson.	Turner.
Olsen.	Van Zandt.
O'Quinn.	Vaughan.
Patterson.	Veatch.
Petsch.	Wagstaff.
Ratliff.	Walker.
Ray.	Weinert.
Richardson.	West of Coryell.
Rogers.	West of Cameron.
Rountree.	Westbrook.
Sanders.	Wiggs.
Satterwhite.	Wyatt.
Savage.	Young.

## Absent.

Beck.	Martin.
Bedford.	Morse.
Duvall.	Pope.
Finn.	Ramsey.
Keller.	Reader.
Lasseter.	

## Absent—Excused.

Albritton.	Kayton.
Bond.	McDougald.
Boyd.	Mathis.
Bradley.	Mehl.
Farrar.	Steward.
Ferguson.	Warwick.
Harrison of El Paso.	

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. John W. Holt, Chaplain, as follows:

Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for every precious promise in Thy word. We thank Thee that Thou hast said "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high, abideth under the shadow of the Almighty. With long life will I satisfy Him." We feel that these promises have been verified in permitting this Thy servant to see another birthday. Thou hast kept him from the snare of the fowler. Thousands have fallen on every hand by sickness, disease, and accident, but Thou hast spared his life and given him reasonable health

of body and mind. Thy faithfulness to us in the past enabled us to exclaim in the language of old: "Jehovah Jirah, the Lord will provide." What is good for one is good for another, therefore, we commend thy grace as sufficient for the "life that now is and the one that is to come." What is good for individuals is good for a nation. Therefore, may we have God fearing men to rule over us. May peace, plenty, purity, and power dwell in every home and every heart, we ask in the name of Him who was crucified but now our risen Lord.

*Amen.*

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Harrison of El Paso for today, on motion of Mr. Hill.

Mr. Warwick for today, on motion of Mrs. Hughes.

Mr. Reader and Mr. Kayton for today, on motion of Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Wagstaff for last Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, on motion of Mr. Moffett.

Mr. Mathis for today, on motion of Mr. Adams of Harris.

Mr. Bond for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Dowell.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of illness:

Mr. Boyd for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. DeWolfe.

Mr. Albritton for today and indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Adkins.

Mr. Hoskins for today on account of illness in his family, on motion of Mr. Engelhard.

Mr. Mehl for today, on motion of Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Bradley for today and indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Minor.

Mr. Ferguson for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Lee.

#### HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Laird:

H. B. No. 23, A bill to be entitled "An Act levying a gross receipts tax of five cents per pound upon the sale

of jute and jute butts and any of their by-products including burlap cotton bagging, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Sanders, by request:

H. B. No. 24, A bill to be entitled "An Act to promote the use of staple cotton and to prohibit the use of lint-ers and cotton of similar low quality, in the manufacture of mattresses, pillows, cushions and other similar articles; providing that cotton when ginned shall only be wrapped in cotton bagging; prohibiting the sale of any mattresses, pillows, cushions or other articles manufactured of cotton which do not contain a label showing the grade and quality of cotton used in the manufacture of such articles; prescribing a penalty for the violation of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Hines, Mr. Veatch, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Adkins, Mr. Bounds, Mr. Donnell, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hefley, Mr. Justiss, and Mr. Cox of Limestone:

H. B. No. 25, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the salaries of judges of the Supreme Court, of the Court of Criminal Appeals, of the judges of the Commission of Appeals and of the Commission in aid of the Court of Criminal Appeals and judges of the Courts of Civil Appeals and district courts of this State, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Satterwhite:

H. B. No. 26, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Title 79, Articles 5071, 5072, and 5073 of the 1925 Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas so as to provide that any stipulated rate of interest on all written contracts whatsoever shall not exceed 8 per cent per annum, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

#### RELATIVE TO PRAYER BY CHAPLAIN.

On motion of Mr. Cunningham, the prayer as delivered today by the Rev. John W. Holt, Chaplain, was ordered printed in the Journal.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE RE-  
PORT ON HOUSE CONCUR-  
RENT RESOLUTION  
NO. 1.

Mr. Sanders, Chairman, submitted the following conference committee report on House concurrent resolution No. 1:

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, September 10, 1931.  
Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate, and Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Gentlemen: We, your free conference committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the House of Representatives and the Senate relating to House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, beg leave to report that said committee has met and adopted the following: That the Senate recede from its position and that the original resolution as adopted by the House, with the following provision, be adopted:

"Provided, that the members of the Senate shall receive a per diem of ten dollars for the time that the said Senate sits as a court of impeachment upon the charges against J. B. Price, judge of the Twenty-first Judicial District, as presented by the House."

Respectfully submitted,  
HORNSBY,  
LOY,  
WILLIAMSON,  
WOODWARD,  
PARRISH,

On the part of the Senate.

SANDERS,  
HUBBARD,  
HUGHES,  
METCALFE,  
McGREGOR,

On the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Sanders, the report was adopted.

BILL RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Fuchs, House bill No. 21 was withdrawn from the Committee of the Whole House, and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

RELATIVE TO THE TEACHING OF  
GOOD CITIZENSHIP IN THE  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF  
TEXAS.

Mr. Vaughan offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The perpetuity of a democratic government depends upon an intelligent moral citizenship, and

Whereas, It is a sound principle of political philosophy for the State to do its best to produce the type of citizenship on which its perpetuity depends, and

Whereas, The State of Texas has adopted as its own, certain moral principles, on which it has based its penal code, and

Whereas, It is necessary for these moral principles to be taught to the citizenship of the State, before the citizenship of the State can be expected to give perfect obedience to the laws of the State, and

Whereas, All the citizenship of the State should be acquainted with all the criminal laws of the State, in order to render obedience to the laws of the State, and

Whereas, It is the duty of the State to give information to its citizens concerning the laws of the State, and the moral principles on which the laws are founded, and

Whereas, It is a wrong principle of political morality to require citizens to obey laws and punish them if they do not obey the laws, and at the same time make no effort, to give to them information concerning the laws and why they should be obeyed, and

Whereas, Many of the children in the State of Texas are not receiving the proper moral training in the home for the duties of citizenship, and

Whereas, Juvenile delinquency is now increasing at a rapid rate, and

Whereas, Our youthful population producing the far greater part of our criminal class at this time, and

Whereas, It is the plain duty of the State to do everything within its constitutional power to produce the best type of an enlightened, moral citizenship; therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, That we urge the proper school authorities of the State of Texas to make provision for the teaching of a course on good citizenship in the public schools and colleges and universities which are owned and operated by the State of Texas.

Resolved, Secondly, that our State school authorities are to see to it that the laws of our penal code and the moral principles on which these laws

are based shall constitute the basic subject matter from which the State text books shall be produced.

Resolved, Thirdly, that we pledge ourselves to the State school authorities, that we will do everything within our power to give to them the proper legislation to carry out the spirit of this resolution.

The resolution was read second time.

Mrs. Hughes moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Savage moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

On motion of Mr. Forbes, the motion of Mr. Savage was tabled.

On motion of Mr. Veatch, the resolution was laid on the table subject to call.

#### PROVIDING FOR A COMMITTEE TO ASCERTAIN THE AMOUNT OF COTTON NOW IN STORAGE.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 1, Relative to ascertaining the amount of cotton in storage.

Whereas, The cotton farmers of this State and Nation are suffering irreparable financial loss and damage because of the price of cotton now quoted at figures below the cost of production, and the Governor has called the Legislature into extraordinary session for the purpose of taking immediate action toward relieving this deplorable condition; and

Whereas, There have been several plans suggested for immediate relief, among which are acreage reduction and a cotton holiday for 1932; and

Whereas, As it now appears, relief afforded through adoption of any of the above suggestions will probably be only of a temporary nature.

Believing that the best interest of the cotton farmer and the cotton producing States, and the nation as a whole will be best served through adoption of corrective measures of a permanent type; and

Whereas, We are reliably informed that at this time there are stored in warehouses in different sections of Texas thousands of bales of cot-

ton which are untenderable and of no value as a commodity. This cotton has been included in the government estimate of nine million bales of carry-over crop and has influenced the fixing of the present low price paid the producer for his cotton; and

Whereas, The producer sells his cotton at a price based upon the number of bales in the government crop estimate. After it leaves the producer's possession sales are governed in price by the actual number of bales certified to by the government inspectors as being of marketable grade, staple, and condition. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee of five members, consisting of two to be appointed by the President of the Senate and three to be named by the Speaker of the House, be appointed and instructed to investigate with authority to personally inspect contents of warehouses and have access to records of same, for the purpose of ascertaining:

1. Total number of bales of cotton of all grades stored in each warehouse at such concentration points as the committee may select at the close of the 1930 cotton year and included in the carry-over crop total reported by the government.

2. Total number of bales of cotton in each warehouse at such concentration points at the close of the 1930 cotton year, which have been certified as being of marketable grade, staple, and condition.

3. Total number of bales of cotton in each warehouse at such concentration points at the close of the 1930 cotton year which are untenderable. Be it further

Resolved, That the committee be instructed to begin its investigation immediately after passage of this resolution and to report its findings back to this session of the Legislature within ten days, that definite action might be taken to the end that this evil practice may be corrected. The expense of this investigation to be paid out of the Contingent Expense Fund after they have been certified to by the Chairman.

The resolution was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Satterwhite, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

**REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR  
TO SUBMIT THE SUBJECT  
OF TAXATION.**

Mr. Weinert offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The inevitable has at last happened, and depression prevails in our land of plenty, caused by the general oppression evoked upon our basis industry, agriculture; and

Whereas, Thinking people have predicted this for years and selfish interests have ignored it until now when it is almost too late to remedy the condition aforesaid; and

Whereas, One of the grave injustices under which agriculture suffers is that it must pay a bonus to everything it purchases, caused to a certain extent by tariff legislation, but mainly by our discriminating tax laws which gradually but positively are confiscating every vestige of property the farmer owns; and

Whereas, The banks and mortgage companies have at last so felt this sad effect that they do all now demand a tax revision inasmuch as their collaterals based on lands have been seriously affected and in many cases have become worthless, thereby compelled them to refuse further lending to the farmers; and

Whereas, The Constitution of Texas provides that taxation shall be equal and uniform as near as may be; and

Whereas, The Constitution thereby placed an inescapable duty upon the Legislature to place these provisions into effect; and

Whereas, This duty inheres from the Constitution itself; and

Whereas, Owing to the terrible plight of the cotton farmer, the small home owner and agriculture generally, the Executive has stated in his message convening this Special Called Session of the Legislature that the cotton farmers throughout Texas are now facing indisputable financial ruin; and

Whereas, The State is now faced with a large deficit, a depleted treasury and the need for raising immediate additional revenue without further taxing farm lands, small homes and similar non-productive property; and

Whereas, Millions of intangible property is now totally escaping taxation, which can only be reached by the levying of a State income tax; and

Whereas, The fact that the tangible property of this State is greatly overburdened with oppression, discriminatory and confiscatory ad valorem taxes and it being apparent that the burden of taxation must necessarily be shifted to productive wealth for the raising of additional taxes it becomes necessary to consider solely income and ability to pay; and

Whereas, This Special Called Session of the Legislature would be farcical and of little benefit to the cotton farmer and people generally if the question of revising our tax laws, at least to a certain extent, is not submitted during this Called Session; now, therefor be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we hereby earnestly request the Governor of Texas to immediately submit the general question of revenue and taxation, or in the alternative, the question of levying an income tax for the purpose of raising State revenue.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Howsley raised a point of order on further consideration of the resolution at this time, on the ground that the time for the consideration of resolutions has expired.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

Mr. Greathouse moved that the House rule which relates to the time allotted for the consideration of resolutions be suspended for the purpose of further considering the resolution.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Savage offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend by adding, "Be it further resolved, that the Governor be also requested to include the question of reducing appropriations and expenses of government."

Mr. Barron moved the previous question on the pending amendment to the resolution, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment by Mr. Savage, it was adopted.

The resolution was then adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—85.

Adamson.  
Adkins.  
Akin.

Alsup.  
Baker.  
Barron.

Bounds.	Johnson of Morris.
Brice.	Jones of Shelby.
Brooks.	Jones of Atascosa.
Bryant.	Justiss.
Carpenter.	Kennedy.
Caven.	Laird.
Claunch.	Lee.
Coltrin.	Lemens.
Coombes.	Leonard.
Cox of Limestone.	Lockhart.
Cunningham.	McGill.
Dale.	Magee.
Daniel.	Patterson.
Davis.	Petsch.
Dodd.	Ramsey.
Donnell.	Richardson.
Dowell.	Rogers.
Dunlap.	Satterwhite.
Dwyer.	Savage.
Elliott.	Scott.
Engelhard.	Shelton.
Farmer.	Sherrill.
Fisher.	Smith of Bastrop.
Forbes.	Smith of Wood.
Fuchs.	Sparkman.
Gilbert.	Stephens.
Goodman.	Sullivant.
Greathouse.	Tarwater.
Grogan.	Terrell
Hanson.	of Cherokee.
Harrison	Terrell
of Waller.	of Val Verde.
Hefley.	Towery.
Herzik.	Veatch.
Hill.	Walker.
Hines.	Weinert.
Holland.	West of Coryell.
Holloway.	West of Cameron.
Hoskins.	Wiggs.
Jackson.	Wyatt.
Johnson	Young.
of Dallam.	

Nays—18.

Adams of Harris.	Lilley.
Adams of Jasper.	McCombs.
Anderson.	Moore.
Burns of Walker.	Munson.
Finn.	Nicholson.
Hardy.	O'Quinn.
Harman.	Ratliff.
Howsley.	Rountree.
Hughes.	Vaughan.

Present—Not Voting.

Strong.

Absent.

Beck.	Giles.
Bedford.	Graves.
Burns	Hatchitt.
of McCulloch.	Holder.
Cox of Lamar.	Hubbard.
DeWolfe.	Johnson
Duvall.	of Dimmit.
Ford.	Keller.

Lasseter.	Pope.
Long.	Ray.
McGregor.	Reader.
Martin.	Sanders.
Metcalf.	Stevenson.
Moffett.	Turner.
Morse.	Van Zandt.
Murphy.	Wagstaff.
Olsen.	Westbrook.

Absent—Excused.

Albritton.	Kayton.
Bond.	McDougald.
Boyd.	Mathis.
Bradley.	Mehl.
Farrar.	Steward.
Ferguson.	Warwick.
Harrison	
of El Paso.	

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, September 11, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has adopted

Conference committee report on H. C. R. No. 1, by the following vote: Yeas, 17; nays, 3; 1 pair.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Secretary of the Senate.

## RELATIVE TO THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN BUFFALO.

Mr. Vaughan offered the following resolution:

Whereas, There are now about twelve hundred buffalo in Yellowstone Park, the property of the United States Government, and,

Whereas, The government has expressed the intention of giving away one hundred of these animals to any one who will take them off its hands, and,

Whereas, The Legislature of Texas, at its first Called Session, authorized the purchase of a number of buffalo, and,

Whereas, The receiving as a gift from the United States Government of these buffalo would be a great saving to the taxpayers of Texas, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House, That the Game, Fish and Oyster Department be and it is hereby directed to delay the purchase of any buffalo until an investigation can be made as to the

advisability of receiving the buffalo as a gift rather than by purchase.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Anderson raised a point of order on further consideration of the resolution at this time, on the ground that the time for the consideration of resolutions has expired.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

On motion of Mr. Burns of Walker, the House rule which relates to the time allotted for the consideration of resolutions was suspended at this time.

Question then recurring on the resolution, it was adopted.

#### REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO SUBMIT CERTAIN SUBJECT.

Mr. Cunningham offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Many counties in Texas are heavily burdened with double taxation, due to payments for highways long since built and now being paid for by said counties, and in many instances where the highways are being maintained by the State while said counties are also paying their pro rata of the tax on gasoline; and,

Whereas, The farmers and business men are called upon through ad valorem tax payments to bear these heavy bond payments and due to the fact that relief is now being sought from all avenues available for relief of a tax burdened people; and

Whereas, It appearing that no other source is available for immediate relief than through the Highway Department of Texas; and

Whereas, It further appearing that the Highway Department will have a large surplus of funds for the present biennium, in a sufficient amount to take care of such situation during the present business depression; and,

Whereas, It appears there can be no other source of immediate relief from such distress than by statute, since an amendment for such cannot be expected to be placed into the Constitution of this State within a period of years, and that statutory provision is the only remedy possible to grant the much needed relief immediately. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governor of this State be requested by the House of Representatives and the Senate of Texas, to submit to this, the Second Called Session of the Forty-second Legislature, such immediate proclamation as will enable this Legislature to pass some bill similar to the Stevenson Bill or the Brooks Bill as passed by the House of Representatives at the Regular Session of this Legislature, designed especially to cover the emergency then and now existing, and as set out in this resolution, in order that much relief be immediately given to the people of Texas by such proper and needed legislation.

Signed—Cunningham, Engelhard, Brooks, Fuchs, Boyd, Ratliff, Adkins, Young, Vaughan, Coombes, Dale, Johnson of Dallam, Holland, DeWolfe, Donnell, Sparkman, Harrison of El Paso, Sherrill, Ramsey, Hefley, Jones, of Shelby, Adamson, Olsen, Justiss, Cox of Limestone, Walker, Moffett, Graves, Farmer, Gilbert, Bond, Giles, Alsup, Ferguson, Satterwhite, Turner, Shelton, Murphy, West of Cameron, Kennedy, Veatch, Baker, West of Coryell, Dowell, Stephens, Carpenter, Bounds, Ray, Holloway, Laird, Adams of Jasper, Elliott, Westbrook, Wiggs.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—82.

Adamson.	Farmer.
Adkins.	Finn.
Akin.	Fisher.
Alsup.	Forbes.
Anderson.	Gilbert.
Baker.	Goodman.
Barron.	Graves.
Bounds.	Greathouse.
Brice.	Hanson.
Brooks.	Harman.
Bryant.	Harrison
Burns of Walker.	of Waller.
Carpenter.	Hefley.
Claunch.	Herzik.
Coltrin.	Hines.
Coombes.	Holder.
Cox of Lamar.	Hoskins.
Cox of Limestone.	Jackson.
Cunningham.	Johnson
Dale.	of Dallam.
Daniel.	Johnson of Morris.
Dodd.	Jones of Shelby.
Donnell.	Jones of Atascosa.
Dowell.	Justiss.
Dunlap.	Kennedy.
Dwyer.	Laird.
Elliott.	Lee.

Leonard.	Sparkman.
Lockhart.	Stephens.
Magee.	Stevenson.
Martin.	Strong.
Metcalfe.	Terrell
Moore.	of Val Verde.
Patterson.	Towery.
Ratliff.	Vaughan.
Ray.	Veatch.
Richardson.	Walker.
Rogers.	Weinert.
Satterwhite.	West of Coryell.
Scott.	Wiggs.
Sherrill.	Wyatt.
Smith of Bastrop.	Young.
Smith of Wood.	

## Nays—17.

Adams of Harris.	McGill.
Davis.	Munson.
Grogan.	Nicholson.
Hatchitt.	O'Quinn.
Holland.	Petsch.
Howsley.	Savage.
Hughes.	Sullivan.
Lilley.	Van Zandt.
McCombs.	

## Present—Not Voting.

Sanders.

## Absent.

Adams of Jasper.	Lemens.
Beck.	Long.
Bedford.	McGregor.
Burns	Mathis.
of McCulloch.	Moffett.
Caven.	Morse.
DeWolfe.	Murphy.
Duvall.	Olsen.
Engelhard.	Pope.
Ford.	Ramsey.
Fuchs.	Reader.
Giles.	Rountree.
Hardy.	Shelton.
Hill.	Tarwater.
Holloway.	Terrell
Hubbard.	of Cherokee.
Johnson	Turner.
of Dimmit.	Wagstaff.
Keller.	West of Cameron.
Lasseter.	Westbrook.

## Absent—Excused.

Albritton.	Harrison of El Paso.
Bond.	Kayton.
Boyd.	McDougald.
Bradley.	Mehl.
Farrar.	Steward.
Ferguson.	Warwick.

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR  
TO SUBMIT THE SUBJECT  
OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Mr. Laid offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The desperate condition

of the cotton farmers in Texas, which has brought about this Second Called Session of the Legislature, would be made worse by a further increase in their taxes, and

Whereas, A raise in the ad valorem tax rate and the imposing of other tax burdens upon the various industries of this State seems inevitable unless the cost of running the government of Texas is reduced, and

Whereas, The State of Texas, as well as the nation, is in the midst of one of the most serious economic depressions experienced during its entire history, with many mills and factories running part-time or closed down entirely, and cotton, wheat, and other farm products selling at a price which will not afford a decent living condition for the farmers of this State, and

Whereas, The income from the gross production tax on oil has been reduced several millions of dollars, and

Whereas, The financial condition of the taxpayers of this State will prevent many of them paying their taxes during the next two years, and

Whereas, The old Confederate veterans and their widows are having difficulty in cashing their warrants on account of the condition of the Pension Fund and the General Revenue Fund of this State, and

Whereas, This condition, together with the fact that there will be a deficiency of more than four million dollars at the end of the current biennium, which will undoubtedly cause a deficit of several million dollars during the next biennium, and

Whereas, The conditions of the taxpayers of this State will not permit a further raising of the ad valorem tax rate or the imposing of other tax burdens, and

Whereas, There is a too-wide difference between wheat selling at 25 cents per bushel, cotton selling at 6 cents per pound, and men begging for work at \$1 per day on the one hand, and this State paying some of the heads of our colleges, University, and State departments six, eight, and ten thousand dollars per year salaries on the other, and

Whereas, The only remedy for this situation is to reduce the costs of operating the government of this State, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the



State of Texas, That we respectfully request the Hon. R. S. Sterling, Governor of Texas, to submit to this Called Session of the Forty-second Legislature, after the cotton reduction bills have been disposed of, the question of amending the departmental, college and University appropriation bills which were passed by the Regular Session of the Forty-second Legislature, in order that this Legislature may have an opportunity to reduce the amounts contained in those appropriations, to the end that new tax burdens will not have to be imposed upon the people of Texas, and that the government of Texas will not have to continue to operate upon a deficiency basis during the next two years.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Barron offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend the resolution by adding immediately following the last word in the resolving clause, the following: "Provided, that nothing herein shall be construed to be in conflict with any other resolution."

BARRON,  
WEINERT.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Laird offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend the resolution by adding, "all other appropriations."

The amendment was adopted.

(Mr. Sanders in the chair.)

Mr. Savage offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend resolution by adding, "Resolved, Further that the Governor be requested to at the same time submit the question of regulating and reducing fees and salaries of State, district and county officers."

The amendment was adopted.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Satterwhite, a committee of five members were appointed to present the resolution in person to the Governor.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 15 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 15, A bill to be entitled "An Act to postpone the collection of State, county, special school, school district, road districts, levee improvement district, irrigation district taxes and any other defined taxing subdivision of the county other than incorporated cities and towns, levied and assessed for the year 1931, other than poll taxes, until October 15, 1932; except that this act shall not apply to any independent school district, or any water improvement district, which now is or may hereafter be by law authorized to collect its taxes in either semi-annual or quarterly installments; providing that the taxpayer may pay one-half of all of his taxes in any one county at any time and receive receipts therefor; and providing for interest on such taxes not paid prior to February 1, 1932; etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Metcalfe raised a point of order on further consideration of the bill, on the ground that the subject-matter contained in the bill has not been submitted by the Governor.

The Speaker declined to rule on the point of order, stating that he would submit the matter to the House for its decision.

The House sustained the point of order by the following vote:

Yeas—60.

Adams of Harris.	Johnson
Adams of Jasper.	of Dimmit.
Alsop.	Johnson of Morris.
Anderson.	Jones of Atascosa.
Baker.	Justiss.
Bounds.	Lilley.
Brice.	Lockhart.
Brooks.	McGill.
Burns of Walker.	Magee.
Carpenter.	Martin.
Caven.	Metcalfe.
Claunch.	Moffett.
Cox of Limestone.	Moore.
Engelhard.	Munson.
Ford.	Murphy.
Goodman.	Nicholson.
Graves.	Patterson.
Grogan.	Petsch.
Hardy.	Ratliff.
Harman.	Rountree.
Hines.	Sanders.
Holder.	Savage.
Howsley.	Sherrill.
Hubbard.	Stevenson.
Jackson.	Strong.
Johnson	Sullivant.
of Dallam.	

Terrell	Veatch.
of Val Verde.	Wagstaff.
Turner.	Walker.
Van Zandt.	West of Coryell.
Vaughan.	Wiggs.

## Nays—44.

Adkins.	Holloway.
Barron.	Hoskins.
Bryant.	Hughes.
Coltrin.	Jones of Shelby.
Coombes.	Kennedy.
Cox of Lamar.	Lee.
Cunningham.	Lemens.
Dale.	Leonard.
Daniel.	McGregor.
DeWolfe.	Ramsey.
Dodd.	Ray.
Elliott.	Richardson.
Farmer.	Rogers.
Fisher.	Satterwhite.
Forbes.	Shelton.
Fuchs.	Smith of Bastrop.
Gilbert.	Smith of Wood.
Greathouse.	Sparkman.
Hatchitt.	Towery.
Harrison	Weinert.
of Waller.	Wyatt.
Hefley.	Young.
Herzik.	

## Present—Not Voting.

Akin.	Stephens.
Giles.	

## Absent.

Adamson.	Laird.
Beck.	Lasseter.
Bedford.	Long.
Burns	McCombs.
of McCulloch.	Morse.
Davis.	Olsen.
Donnell.	O'Quinn.
Dowell.	Pope.
Dunlap.	Reader.
Duvall.	Scott.
Dwyer.	Tarwater.
Finn.	Terrell
Hanson.	of Cherokee.
Hill.	West of Cameron.
Holland.	Westbrook.
Keller.	

## Absent—Excused.

Albritton.	Kayton.
Bond.	McDougald.
Boyd.	Mathis.
Bradley.	Mehl.
Farrar.	Steward.
Ferguson.	Warwick.
Harrison of El Paso.	

RELATIVE TO REPORT OF THE  
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE.

Mr. Johnson of Dimmitt, Chairman  
of the subcommittee, heretofore ap-

pointed to consider bills on cotton  
acreage control, reported to the House  
that the committee desired that they  
be given until next Monday to make  
a report.

Mr. Van Zandt moved that the  
request be granted.

Mr. Coombes moved that the House  
recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

Mr. Howsley moved that the House  
adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m. next  
Monday.

Question recurring on the motion  
by Mr. Howsley, yeas and nays were  
demanded.

The roll was called, and the vote  
announced as follows:

## Yeas—57.

Adams of Harris.	Leonard.
Adamson.	Lilley.
Adkins.	Lockhart.
Alsup.	McCombs.
Barron.	McGill.
Caven.	McGregor.
Claunch.	Magee.
Coltrin.	Metcalfe.
Coombes.	Moffett.
DeWolfe.	Moore.
Dowell.	Munson.
Dunlap.	Murphy.
Engelhard.	Olsen.
Ford.	Patterson.
Fuchs.	Petsch.
Goodman.	Rogers.
Graves.	Rountree.
Grogan.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hardy.	Stephens.
Harman.	Sullivant.
Harrison	Turner.
of Waller.	Van Zandt.
Holder.	Vaughan.
Hoskins.	Veatch.
Howsley.	Wagstaff.
Hughes.	West of Coryell.
Jackson.	West of Cameron.
Justiss.	Westbrook.
Lemens.	

## Nays—40.

Mr. Speaker.	Forbes.
Akin.	Gilbert.
Baker.	Giles.
Bounds.	Greathouse.
Bryant.	Hefley.
Burns of Walker.	Jones of Atascosa.
Burns	Johnson
of McCulloch.	of Dallam.
Carpenter.	Johnson of Morris.
Cox of Limestone.	Kennedy.
Davis.	Laird.
Dodd.	Lee.
Donnell.	Ratliff.
Elliott.	Ray.
Fisher.	Sanders.

Satterwhite.	Strong.
Savage.	Towery.
Sherrill.	Walker.
Smith of Wood.	Weinert.
Sparkman.	Wyatt.
Stevenson.	Young.

## Present—Not Voting.

Johnson of Dimmit.

## Absent.

Adams of Jasper.	Hubbard.
Anderson.	Jones of Shelby.
Beck.	Keller.
Bedford.	Lasseter.
Brice.	Long.
Brooks.	Martin.
Cox of Lamar.	Morse.
Cunningham.	Nicholson.
Dale.	O'Quinn.
Daniel.	Pope.
Duvall.	Ramsey.
Dwyer.	Reader.
Farmer.	Richardson.
Finn.	Scott.
Hatchitt.	Shelton.
Hanson.	Tarwater.
Herzik.	Terrell
Hill.	of Cherokee.
Hines.	Terrell
Holland.	of Val Verde.
Holloway.	Wiggs.

## Absent—Excused.

Albritton.	Kayton.
Bond.	McDougald.
Boyd.	Mathis.
Bradley.	Mehl.
Farrar.	Steward.
Ferguson.	Warwick.

Harrison of El Paso.

Mr. Metcalfe moved a call of the House for the purpose of securing a quorum, and the call was duly ordered.

The Speaker then directed the Doorkeeper to close the main entrance to the Hall and instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock all other doors leading from the Hall, and stated that no member would be permitted to leave the Hall without written permission from the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Metcalfe the Sergeant-at-Arms was instructed to bring in all absent members within the city who are not ill.

The roll was again called and a quorum was announced present.

The House at 12:35 o'clock p. m., by unanimous consent, agreed to stand at ease until 2 o'clock p. m. today.

The House reconvened at 2 o'clock, p. m., and was called to order by Speaker Minor.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being a motion by Mr. Van Zandt to grant the request of the Subcommittee of the Whole House, for an extension of time to make a report to the House.

Mr. Satterwhite moved that the Subcommittee be instructed to bring in a bill for 100 per cent reduction and one for less than a 100 per cent reduction, and that the Committee be requested to report by 10 o'clock, a. m. next Monday.

Mr. Metcalfe moved the previous question on the pending motions, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the motion by Mr. Satterwhite, it was lost.

Question then recurring on the motion by Mr. Van Zandt, it prevailed.

## BILL RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Laird, H. B. No. 23 was withdrawn from the Committee on Revenue and Taxation and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, September 11, 1931.  
Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

H. B. No. 1, making an appropriation to pay the mileage and per diem of the members.

S. B. No. 8, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing relief for the Valentine Independent School District, in order to aid said district in repairing and rehabilitating its school building which was seriously damaged and rendered untenable and unsafe for use for school purposes by the earthquake on Sunday, August 16, 1931, making an appropriation for that purpose, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,  
BOB BARKER,  
Secretary of the Senate.

## BILL AND RESOLUTION SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice

thereof and their captions had been read, the following bill and resolution:

H. C. R. No. 1, Relative to per diem of members of the Legislature.

H. B. No. 1, "An Act making an appropriation of the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary out of the general revenue to pay the per diem and mileage of members, the per diem of officers and employees, and the contingent expense of the Second Called Session of the Forty-second Legislature of the State of Texas convened on the 8th day of September, 1931, by proclamation of the Governor; to supplement the like appropriation of the Regular and First Called Sessions of said Legislature, etc., and declaring an emergency."

#### BILL RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Tarwater, House bill No. 13 was withdrawn from the Committee on Revenue and Taxation and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bill, received from the Senate today, was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee, as follows:

Senate bill No. 8, to Committee on Appropriations.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Hardy, the House, at 2:40 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m., next Monday.

#### APPENDIX.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following committee filed favorable report as follows:

Agriculture: H. B. Nos. 19 and 21.

#### REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, September 11, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 1, Relative to the per diem of members,

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

COX of Lamar, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, September 11, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 1, "An Act making an appropriation of the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary out of the General Revenue to pay the per diem and mileage of members; the per diem of officers and employees; and the contingent expense of the Second Called Session of the Forty-second Legislature of the State of Texas convened on the 8th day of September, 1931, by proclamation of the Governor; to supplement the like appropriation of the Regular and First Called Session of said Legislature; to pay any unpaid vouchers or warrants held by members, officers, or employees of the Regular and First Called Sessions of said Legislature; to pay any unpaid claims or accounts of members, officers, or employees of said session or of other persons authorized either by the Senate or the House of Representatives; to pay any and all sums for whatever purpose authorized to be expended by concurrent resolution of the Forty-second Legislature at its Second Called Session; to pay the per diem of members, officers, or employees for pre-session and post-session work of the Second Called Session of said Forty-second Legislature; providing how accounts may be approved and audited, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

COX of Lamar, Chairman.

#### FOURTH DAY.

(Monday, September 14, 1931.)

The House met at 9 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Minor.

The roll was called and the following members were present: